



2017-2018 Application

Due by **Monday, December 4th**, along with one letter of recommendation. Interviews will take place in mid-December. Recipients will be notified by **Monday, December 18th**.

APPLICATION FORM

I. APPLICANT NAME

AGE _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CIRCLE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: text / phone / email

II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. How did you hear about the GCCDC Youth Diplomats Program?

2. Are you willing to commit to one Saturday a month from January 2018 through May 2018? _____

3. Please list activities, sports, or clubs you are involved in AT school.

4. Please list activities, sports, or clubs you are involved in OUTSIDE OF school.

5. What is a SECRET TALENT you possess? (We promise not to tell!)

III. SHORT ESSAYS. Please choose 3 of the 4 essay questions to answer, using space on the next page.

1. Why do you want to participate in the Youth Diplomats Program? What could you contribute to the program that no one else can?
2. What do you think it means to be a "global citizen"? Describe a global issue that you care about – or would like to learn about – and why?
3. What does the world need more of? Less of? How can you and other young people make it happen? How are you already making it happen?
4. Where in the world would you like to get lost? What could you learn about the place, the people...and you? How would you use your experience to help others?

Essay 1

Essay 2

Essay 3

III. PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARENT OR GUARDIAN 1

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CHOSE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: text / phone / email

PARENT OR GUARDIAN 2

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CHOSE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: text / phone / email

IV. SIGNATURE OF STUDENT / PARENT / GUARDIAN

I agree that all of the information in this application is true. I agree that, if selected, I will participate to the best of my abilities in the Young Diplomats activities and requirements as outlined above.

I would like to be considered for a Needs-Based Scholarship for the \$200 commitment towards the Washington, D.C. trip.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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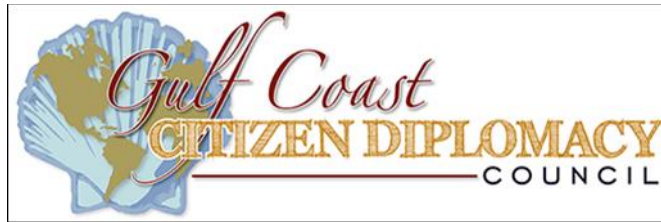
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Thank you for applying to the GCCDC Youth Diplomats!

Selected applicants will be contacted for an in-person or Skype, FaceTime, or Google Hangout interview.

All applicants will hear back by Monday, December 18, 2017



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Diplomats program! We look forward to learning about what inspires, motivates, and moves you to be a global citizen! Here is some general information to help you complete your application.

Eligibility

Current high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for the 2017-2018 academic year are invited to apply for a place in the Youth Diplomats program. Applicants will be accepted from public, private, and charter high schools in NW Florida as well as homeschooled students. There is no fee to participate in the Youth Diplomats program.

Schedule

Youth Diplomats will generally meet on the *third* Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 PM. These Saturdays will be reserved for hands-on learning opportunities categorized by workshops, volunteering, and collaborations, to include a scheduled visit with the Youth Ambassadors from Brazil in January 2018. As a Youth Diplomat, you will also have access to speeches, lectures, and workshops compiled from visiting academics, government officials, and other leaders; the specific activities will be announced at a later date. Youth Diplomats will also be eligible to apply for an experiential-learning visit to Washington, D.C. in early June 2018 to learn about public diplomacy and intercultural learning. Priority will be given to Youth Diplomats with exceptional engagement and participation in our local events. Please note this trip will require a \$200.00 commitment fee by the student – all other expenses will be covered by the Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council. Needs-based scholarships are available.

Selection

If selected for the program, you must commit to attending 4-5 workshops. In addition, Youth Diplomats must attend one Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council event in six months, produce one reflection piece in a blog, video, or text format, and engage in the January Brazilian Youth Ambassadors Program. There will be no charge for Youth Diplomats to attend any Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council events.

Instructions

Please submit this completed application to Ms. Laura Johnson, GCCDC Educational Outreach Coordinator by Monday, December 4, 2017. You may send the application via email: laura@gulfcoastdiplomacy.org or via postal mail to: Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council / 223 S. Palafox St #200 / Pensacola, FL / 32502. Application checklist:

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Three x Short Essays
- _____ Student/ Parent/Guardian Signatures
- _____ One Letter of Recommendation